109TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

S. 2292

To provide relief for the Federal judiciary from excessive rent charges.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

February 15, 2006

Mr. Specter (for himself, Mr. Leahy, Mr. Cornyn, Mr. Chambliss, and Mrs. Feinstein) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. RELIEF FROM EXCESSIVE RENT CHARGES.
- 4 Section 462 of title 28, United States Code, is
- 5 amended by adding at the end the following:
- 6 "(g) Effective October 1, 2006, rent charges estab-
- 7 lished by the Administrator of General Services for accom-
- 8 modations provided to the judicial branch shall not exceed
- 9 the actual costs of operating and maintaining such accom-
- 10 modations by the General Services Administration, and no

- 1 amounts for shell rent, capital costs, real estate taxes (ex-
- 2 cept for taxes actually paid by the Administrator of Gen-
- 3 eral Services to lessors), or administrative fees shall be
- 4 included in such rent charges. The judicial branch's repay-
- 5 ment to the Administrator of General Services of the cost
- 6 of repair and alteration projects performed by the General
- 7 Services Administration on judicial branch accommoda-
- 8 tions after October 1, 2006, shall be recovered over time
- 9 in a manner agreed upon by the Director of the Adminis-
- 10 trative Office of the United States Courts and the Admin-
- 11 istrator.".

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